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Biography

DWIGHT PALMER GRISWOLD was born in Harrison, Sioux County, Nebr., November 27, 1893; attended high school at Gordon, Nebr.; graduated from Kearney (Nebr.) Military Academy in 1910; attended the Nebraska Wesleyan University 1910–12 and graduated from the University of Nebraska in 1914; served as a sergeant in the Fourth Nebraska Infantry on the Mexican border in 1916 and during the First World War served as a first lieutenant and later as a captain of 127th Field Artillery 1917–18; cashier of the First National Bank of Gordon 1919–22 and a director 1919–54; president of Gering National Bank 1951–54; editor and publisher of the Gordon Journal 1922–40; served in the State house of representatives in 1921; member of the State senate 1925–29; Republican nominee for Governor in 1932, 1934, and 1936; elected Governor in 1940, 1942, and 1944; unsuccessful candidate for the Republican nomination for United States Senator in 1946; director, Division of Internal Affairs and Communications, Military Government of Germany, January to June 1947; Chief, American Mission for Aid to Greece, June 1947 to September 1948; member, Nebraska University Board of Regents 1950–54; elected as a Republican to the United States Senate for the term ending January 3, 1955, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Kenneth S. Wherry, and served from November 5, 1952, until his death in the naval hospital at Bethesda, Md., April 12, 1954; interment in Fairview Cemetery, Scottsbluff, Nebr.

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MONDAY, *April 12, 1954.*

The Chaplain, Rev. Frederick Brown Harris, D. D., offered the following prayer:

Our Father God, to whom a thousand years are as but one day, our brief stay on this earthly stage is as but a watch in the night; yet, while lasts its ebbing hours, make us bold and swift and brave to do Thy will. May we be strong to accomplish the things worth doing and put aside the things which are unworthy, belittling, or base, toiling with full purpose of heart while it is called day, knowing that the night cometh, when no man can work.

Again invading the precincts of this national forum of debate and decision, death, without warning, has struck a shining mark, and once more, as so many times in so short a period, there is a vacant place in the Senate of the Republic, as one greatly honored by his State and serving in this body with distinction has so suddenly come to the end of his mortal career.

O Thou who art the compassionate Father, found of those who seek Thee in loneliness and unutterable loss, and whose sustaining grace is sufficient for the sorrowing souls of Thy children, remember in tender mercy the dear ones of him who so recently stood in this Chamber with the consecrated powers of his strong manhood, so able and faithful, and who, serving the Nation he loved, has now fallen on sleep in the full strength of his days.

Vouchsafe to him, O Lord, life and rest, peace and joy, and larger service in the Paradise of God. As we stand now in stunned grief at the translation of a great public servant, reminding us that in the midst of life we are in death, may we,

like him who has left us, do our work to the end in sincerity, tranquillity, and self-effacement. And at the last bring us all to the homeland of Thy eternal love. We ask it in the name of that Holy One who is the resurrection and the life. Amen.

Mr. KNOWLAND. Mr. President, it is my sad duty, in the absence of his colleague [Mr. Butler], who has been in Nebraska and has not been able to return, though he is flying back to Washington, to announce the death of our late colleague, DWIGHT PALMER GRISWOLD.

DWIGHT GRISWOLD was born in Harrison, Nebr., on November 27, 1893, and graduated from the University of Nebraska. He served his country on the Mexican border as a sergeant in the Fourth Nebraska Infantry, and as first lieutenant and captain of field artillery in the Army of the United States during World War I.

He was the State commander of the American Legion. He served the people of his State of Nebraska as a member of the legislature, and as Governor for three terms.

He was Chief of Mission to Greece at a very critical period in the history of that country, in 1947 and 1948.

When the late Senator Kenneth Wherry died, in 1952, DWIGHT GRISWOLD was elected to succeed him in this body. He has been a valued Member of the Senate, serving as a member of the Committees on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, Labor and Public Welfare, and Post Office and Civil Service.

I had the privilege of first meeting DWIGHT GRISWOLD when he was Governor of his State. I next had the opportunity of meeting him, and seeing something of the fine work he was doing on behalf of the people of the United States, at the time when he was serving as Chief of Mission in Greece.

To his widow, Erma, and his daughter, Mrs. John H. Gayer, I know that all the Members of the Senate extend their heartfelt sympathy at this time of great loss. Those of us

who have had the privilege of knowing him, either for an extended period, or for the limited time he has been a Member of the Senate, have learned to respect him as a man of great conscience, integrity, ability, and sincere patriotic desire to serve the people of the United States and the people of the State of Nebraska to the best of his ability. We shall mourn his loss.

Mr. JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. President, this is a sad day for all of us. We have lost one of our best liked and one of our most affable colleagues.

DWIGHT GRISWOLD was a kind man; he was a courteous man; he was a man who believed in the philosophy of live and let live. He coupled those qualities with a constant and deep desire to serve his fellow Americans.

In a very literal sense, DWIGHT GRISWOLD died in the service of his country. He passed away in the midst of the strain and the turmoil of a very exhausting session.

There is little we can say, and not much we can do, to comfort the loved ones he has left behind.

Mr. President, I know I speak the feeling of all Senators on this side of the aisle when I say that America has lost a very faithful and a very loyal public servant.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. President, it is hard on an occasion like this to express oneself, but as chairman of the Committee on Labor and Public Welfare, of which the late DWIGHT GRISWOLD was a member, I know I speak for every member of the committee on both sides of the aisle when I say we shall deeply miss DWIGHT and the extraordinarily fine service he was able to render in assisting the committee in its efforts to solve a number of difficult problems before it. But, beyond that, we shall miss him as a beloved friend and colleague.

I met DWIGHT GRISWOLD the first time, just as did the distinguished majority leader, as he mentioned a moment ago, when DWIGHT was Governor of Nebraska. I had con-

tacts with him then, and later, when he became Chief of the American Mission for Aid to Greece, I was with the Senate group which was in that area in 1947 just after DWIGHT GRISWOLD had arrived there. I remember the enthusiasm we felt about the way in which he had taken the direction and leadership of that very important task, which ultimately led to the proper solution of the situation which was facing Greece and which at the same time was of momentous consequence to the United States.

DWIGHT GRISWOLD was a dear personal friend of mine and of my family, and in behalf of my wife and myself I desire to express our deep sympathy for Mrs. Griswold and their daughter.

Mr. HICKENLOOPER. Mr. President, when a friend dies, there is no degree or difference in grief. Sometimes a friend may die after an illness, when death perhaps may be expected. But when a friend dies suddenly when, apparently, he is in full vigor, health, and activity, there is a shock that is numbing.

I had such a shock this morning on coming to the Capitol when I heard over the radio what seemed to be the unbelievable statement that DWIGHT GRISWOLD had died last night.

DWIGHT and I became acquainted a number of years ago, when I first went into public life in the State of Iowa. We had known each other slightly before that, but we became very closely and intimately acquainted during those years. I was lieutenant governor of Iowa, and was very closely associated with him in general State political matters which were of interest to his State of Nebraska and to my State; and later he and I were governors of our respective States at the same time. During that period a number of problems, and sometimes troublous ones, that involved boundaries and certain other questions were settled between our States. I then found DWIGHT GRISWOLD to be a man of broad political understanding—and I use "political" in the finest

sense of the word—and of tremendous and helpful influence to the best interests of his State and, by the same token, to the best interests of his sister State. I appreciated that very much, as well as his firm friendship.

We became very close friends. I learned that DWIGHT GRISWOLD was really a man of the people, with a keen perception of the basic, fundamental human rights. He vigorously set his course with those rights and their protection as his guiding star.

Over the years we have continued our friendship. We have worked together and have been associated together in ex-servicemen's activities and in politics. I, too, was a member of the committee to which the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. Smith] has referred, which visited Greece during the time when DWIGHT GRISWOLD was Chief of Mission. He performed in an unusually outstanding and practical way the work assigned him there, because he had the practical approach.

Mr. President, so far as I know, DWIGHT GRISWOLD never injured any man. I am utterly certain that he never injured any person willfully. On the contrary, he devoted his life and his activities to being helpful, to being cooperative.

Since becoming a Member of the Senate he has become, as has been said, one of the best loved and one of the ablest and finest Members of this body. His death was a shock, because I am certain that no Member of this body, and perhaps not even Senator GRISWOLD himself, had any idea or inkling that there was any frailty in his constitutional makeup. If he did know it, no one else did.

Therefore, Mr. President, it is with a sense of extreme personal shock, of poignant personal loss, and of grief that I say these few words in tribute to DWIGHT GRISWOLD.

I shall long remember him, of course. I shall always number him among those upon whose judgment, faithfulness, and integrity to his own ideals and to those of his country

I have always been able to count, and whose help, assistance, and cooperation I have always thoroughly appreciated.

Mr. President, it goes without saying that the friendship and acquaintance which my family has had with his family add to the condolence, sympathy, and grief we share with them today.

Mr. MARTIN. Mr. President, I rise with a heavy heart to join in tribute to a great and good friend whose untimely passing brings to me a profound and tragic feeling of personal loss.

When DWIGHT GRISWOLD came to the Senate, he brought with him a splendid background as a soldier and statesman. His whole record of service to his State and to the Nation was one of brilliant achievement.

It was my privilege to have been associated with this distinguished Senator in many fields of activity. It was my good fortune to serve as Governor of Pennsylvania during the period in which he was Governor of his native State. I am proud of the friendship that developed between us during that time. I came to know him well and to admire the magnificent qualities of heart and mind that made him the great man he was.

DWIGHT GRISWOLD was a noble American, a true patriot, an outstanding statesman. In his passing the State of Nebraska, the United States, and the world lose a public servant whose life was dedicated to the defense of the ideals of freedom and justice.

To the members of his family I extend my deepest sympathy, with my prayer that they may be granted Divine strength and courage in this hour of their tragic bereavement.

Mr. CASE. Mr. President, DWIGHT GRISWOLD came from the county bordering my old congressional district. From 1922 to 1940 he was publisher of a newspaper at Gordon, Nebr., which is in the county nearest South Dakota. His country-newspaper experience practically paralleled my own,

for it was in 1922 that I joined a newspaper at Rapid City, S. Dak., and subsequently published newspapers in counties adjoining the one where DWIGHT was in the newspaper business. We knew each other professionally, and in a social way, beginning in the Black Hills, on some hunting trips.

When he returned from Greece, he entered the banking business at Gering, Nebr. That is in the area immediately south of the Black Hills. By living at Gordon and by living at Gering, and through all his life in Nebraska, DWIGHT GRISWOLD came to know the common people. He came to know the problems of the cattle rancher in the sand hills country; he came to know the problems of the irrigation farmer along the Platte Valley, in and around Gering, Scottsbluff, and Alliance.

To that background, of course, when he came to the Senate he had added three terms as Governor of the State of Nebraska and his experience as head of the American Commission for Aid to Greece, to which reference has already been made.

He came to the Senate admirably equipped to give his country the benefit of the commonsense, practical approach which one learns from living with people and studying their every-day problems. He studied the problems of his people at home in western Nebraska as well as the problems of the people of Greece in the reconstruction period following the war.

There will be great sadness in what we call the Sand Hills Country of Nebraska and the irrigated valleys of western Nebraska. There will also be great sadness in my own State, whose people came to know DWIGHT when he was commander of the Legion for the State of Nebraska. He frequently visited the Black Hills on hunting trips. He often visited the Sioux and Rosebud Reservations. The town of Gordon was immediately south of those reservations, and a great many of the Sioux people went there from time to time.

In my own life today there is a void which it is difficult for me to describe. The men Nebraska has sent to the Congress who have finished their course in the past few years include many of the finest statesmen. Karl Stefan represented the Norfolk District and a portion of the Sand Hills area in the House of Representatives when the distinguished Vice President and I were Members of that body. Karl Stefan was one of the finest men I have ever known.

I may say the same of Ken Wherry. He came from the same kind of background. He knew the common people and worked with them. He brought the practical approach to his task. That is likewise true of DWIGHT GRISWOLD.

All the men whom I have named made a real contribution to the work of the Congress, and we shall always cherish their memory. Every one of them was clean. Every one of them was a man of integrity. Every one of them was a man who put his country first. We miss them all today.

Mr. THYE. Mr. President, I first became acquainted with the then Governor GRISWOLD, our late distinguished colleague, when I was serving as Governor of Minnesota and DWIGHT GRISWOLD was serving his State of Nebraska in a like capacity. We held many conferences during the war years. Thus I came to know of his deep concern over his public responsibilities and his inner dedication to public service. His desire was to serve not only his State, but the Nation, and especially the youths in the military forces of our land.

We worked together on bond drives. Several times I received telephone calls from the then Governor GRISWOLD concerning the bond drive in his own State and the bond drive which was then underway in Minnesota.

In later years we came in contact with each other in connection with other public service activities, including governors' conferences. I learned to know him well, I learned to respect his sincerity and devotion to public duty. I learned to know and admire him as he served with us in the Senate.

This morning when his death was announced on the radio it was a shock to Mrs. Thye and myself. We had never thought of him other than as being in the best of health. Seemingly he was a man who never tired.

Today I am sad, as all of us are, that we have lost a colleague, another public servant in the United States Senate. Another man who devoted practically all his adult life to serving his country and his people has left us.

Mr. ROBERTSON. Mr. President, while my acquaintanceship with our departed friend and colleague was limited to the brief period during which I served with him in the Senate commencing in January of last year, I had great respect for his ability, his integrity, and his intellectual honesty. For him I had a warm feeling of friendship, engendered by his genial nature and his inherent spirit of good will toward his fellow men.

Few men since I have been a Member of Congress have come to this body better prepared than was the late Senator GRISWOLD. He was a trained newspaperman. He served as president of his State press association. He was a trained businessman. He served as president of a large and successful bank. He was a trained legislator, serving in both the house and senate of his State legislature. He was a trained executive, serving, as I recall, three terms as governor of a great State.

It is deplorable when a man so well equipped to contribute to the welfare of his State and Nation is suddenly cut down in the prime of life. To me one of the very distressing things in my service in the Congress has been, first in the House and then in the Senate, to see the number of colleagues younger than I whose careers have been closed by one or the other of the two great killers, heart disease or cancer. Cancer alone has killed more people in this country than all our wars combined. We appropriate money for research. Private institutions devote funds to research in heart disease and

cancer; yet medical science has not yet learned how to diagnose incipient coronary trouble. Medical science has not learned how to locate a cancer cell by blood tests or other means, before it manifests itself in a malignant form. I am glad that our distinguished President has recommended to the committee on which I serve that a very substantial amount be appropriated by the Federal Government for continued research in the field of the two great killers of mankind, heart disease and cancer.

Mr. President, I share the sorrow of my colleagues at the untimely passing of so fine a man as Senator GRISWOLD. I extend to his family my deepest sympathy in their bereavement. I shall continue to do all I can to encourage our doctors to continue to study heart disease and cancer, to the end not only that other colleagues may be saved, but that hundreds of thousands of men and women throughout our Nation, who are our greatest national resource, may be saved from the tragedy of an untimely death such as has befallen DWIGHT GRISWOLD.

Mr. BARRETT. Mr. President, Nebraska has lost a distinguished Senator. America has lost a loyal and faithful servant. As the distinguished majority leader said earlier, DWIGHT GRISWOLD was born of pioneer parents at Harrison, Nebr., less than 9 miles from the Wyoming line, and less than 30 miles from my home town.

I count it as one of the greatest privileges of my life that I have been among the large group of friends of DWIGHT GRISWOLD. I knew him as a young man. I knew of his keen interest in the wide open spaces of the West, and the great outdoors. I knew of his interest in baseball and other athletic activities.

DWIGHT GRISWOLD served his State with distinction as its chief executive. He was the department commander of the American Legion. He was beloved of all the people in the western part of Nebraska as a young man, in public life, and in business life.

I had occasion to be associated with him in business matters on several occasions. DWIGHT GRISWOLD was a gentleman in the true sense of the word. My wife joins me in extending our respects and deepest sympathy to his widow and to his daughter in their great loss.

On occasions like this it seems to me that Tennyson's words speak better than any words I could express:

I sometimes hold it half a sin
To put in words the grief I feel;
For words, like Nature, half reveal
And half conceal the soul within.

Mr. HOLLAND. Mr. President, I was shocked and grieved this morning on my return from a hurried trip to Florida, when I arrived at the apartment hotel where both the Griswolds and ourselves have made our homes in Washington, to hear of the untimely passing of DWIGHT GRISWOLD.

My acquaintance with DWIGHT and our friendship began in 1941, when both of us were privileged to be guests of the distinguished senior Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. Saltonstall], who at that time was entertaining the National Governors Conference in his State. I found that he and I belonged to the same college fraternity. We had had similar experiences in public life and in military life. We got to be warm friends, and have continued to be warm friends throughout the years.

I recall with a great deal of pleasure that he entertained the Executive Committee of the Governor's Conference, which was then presided over by the distinguished senior Senator from Massachusetts, at his capital city of Lincoln, Nebr., where he showed to the fullest degree his generous hospitality, which was a distinctive part of his makeup.

I know that all of us who were privileged at that time to be guests in his home learned of the loving closeness that existed among the members of his family.

His late son and my two sons joined the same fraternity in which their fathers had claimed membership. That fact

brought another bond between us. Mrs. Griswold and Mrs. Holland are devoted friends.

I am deeply grieved by his passing, and I am moved to say that I doubt if there is any American now living who has served his country with distinction in as many different ways as did DWIGHT GRISWOLD. As a soldier in World War I his record was splendid. He was a State legislator and later, as Governor of his native State for 6 years, he loomed large among the governors of the Nation and rendered high service that will always be remembered.

I recall that when the European part of World War II was coming to a close he was drafted by a grateful Government to become director of one of the most difficult projects in Germany when he took over the handling of the Bureau of Internal Affairs and of Communications in the reorganization of Germany under the military government set up by our Nation.

Following that experience he went to Greece as the head of the American mission, where he performed most distinguished service. General Van Fleet has frequently told me of the distinction which DWIGHT GRISWOLD attained and of the highly effective service he rendered to our country and to Greece and the cause of democracy during his assignment to Greece.

Coming to the United States Senate, he added luster to this body by his membership, and I am sure he would have loomed to magnificent proportions as a Senator if only he had been given a few more years to serve in the Senate.

I remember with great keenness what happened last Friday afternoon just before I took a plane for Florida. He came over to sit by me for a few minutes and to discuss the pending business before the Senate, and to give me his views with respect to it, which I found, as always, sound and wholesome and patriotic, and based upon a sincere attempt to approach the matter from the standpoint of what was to the

best interests of the Nation in the field covered by that legislation.

Mr. President, Mrs. Holland and I extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Griswold, to their daughter, and to all other members of the family. We want them to know that there is an ache in our hearts and that we shall always remember with the deepest affection DWIGHT GRISWOLD, whom we regarded as a truly great American and a devoted public servant, as well as our kind and considerate friend.

Mr. CARLSON. Mr. President, the suddenness of DWIGHT GRISWOLD's death again reminds us of the uncertainty of life. His sudden passing last night was really a shock to me. Kansas and Nebraska are separated only by a boundary line and DWIGHT was not only a neighbor to us in Kansas, but we were friends in the best sense of that word. When Mrs. Carlson and I came to Washington, DWIGHT and Mrs. Griswold moved into the same hotel where we are staying. So we became neighbors again, and now we have lost a very good neighbor and a very close friend.

I can truly say, as chairman of the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service, of which DWIGHT was a member, that it has been a pleasure to work with him. He always had some good suggestions to make, and he was always friendly and helpful.

The greatest tribute that can be paid to DWIGHT GRISWOLD is that he was always a gentleman. I never saw him act in any other way than as a perfect gentleman.

We had social contacts and business contacts in Kansas, and here, of course, we had legislative and social contacts. He was always considerate and kind, and always held in high regard his associates. That is what truly makes a gentleman.

When a sad incident such as the sudden passing of a friend occurs we always think back to the last visit we had with him. My thoughts go back to last Thursday afternoon, when the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. Purtell] and

DWIGHT GRISWOLD and I went to the Post Office Department for the unveiling of a special postage stamp. I shall never forget, as we stood there and visited for a few minutes, DWIGHT'S interesting comment. He said, "It's about time I was boarding a plane for western Nebraska, there to get back my old zip and strength, breathing the good ozone of that fine area."

He was looking forward to returning to his State next fall particularly because this year Kansas and Nebraska both celebrate their territorial centennial. We were making plans together. That was really the last conversation we had together. I shall never forget it.

To Mrs. Griswold and her family, Mrs. Carlson and I extend our sincerest sympathy. We will miss DWIGHT GRISWOLD for the choice friendship we had with him.

Mr. POTTER. Mr. President, when I heard this morning of the death of our colleague, DWIGHT GRISWOLD, I realized that I had lost a personal friend, the State of Nebraska, which he loved, had lost a great son, and the Nation had lost one of its most distinguished citizens.

Mr. President, DWIGHT GRISWOLD was a kind man. DWIGHT GRISWOLD was a man who had many friends, irrespective of political party, and irrespective of station in life. I have yet to hear any person make an unkind remark concerning our late colleague, DWIGHT GRISWOLD.

It has been my privilege to serve with him on the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce. As a member of that committee his questioning was always sharp and to the point. He had the faculty of getting to the core of any problem without going off on various tangents. He was a valuable member of the committee. He had an unfailing sense of devotion to duty. His colorful and active career is symbolic of the best in America. It is tragic that it has been cut short. We can only wonder about the stature of the man if he could have been permitted to live for another

10 or 20 years. He has contributed much to our great American system of government. I know the people of his own State and the people of the Nation are grateful to him for the service which he has rendered.

Mr. President, I wish to join with my colleagues in expressing my condolences and deepest sympathy to his wife and daughter.

Mr. BUSH. Mr. President, just as the hearts of many are filled with sadness today, so is mine. But that sadness is mingled, Mr. President, with a very large number of bright and happy memories I have of DWIGHT GRISWOLD. I came to my office this morning, and there, on top of a stack of papers, was a check signed by DWIGHT GRISWOLD for a rather substantial sum of money. I recognized it for what it was—a contribution to a fund to which he and I had been jointly invited to subscribe. The last conversation I happened to have with him was in the corridor on Thursday, when he said to me, "What do you think we ought to do about this contribution?" I said, "I do not think there is any obligation on either of us to do anything." He said, "Well, I like to do my part."

I think that statement, Mr. President, is typical of DWIGHT GRISWOLD. He always did his part. That is why he became such a great figure in his State and in the Nation.

I remember the last vote we took in the Senate. DWIGHT sat next to me. We had been seatmates ever since the session started. The vote was on the question of agreeing to the so-called Chavez amendment as to which there were differences of opinion. I said to him, "How are you going to vote?" He said, "I am going to vote against my State this time, because I think it is in the best interests of all." And he did.

To me, Mr. President, that was typical of DWIGHT.

I had the happiness of playing golf with DWIGHT as well as of working with him. Two weeks ago—I say this because

I think it would be nice to have it in the Record for the benefit of his family—we were both invited to play golf with the President of the United States and Attorney John McClure. First, we had lunch and decided how to divide up. The President said, "The two Dwights will take you fellows on." As a matter of fact, we tossed for partners, and I drew DWIGHT GRISWOLD. The President and his partner defeated us, and DWIGHT had the pleasure, if it may be so considered, of handing a dollar to the President of the United States as a mark of his respect for the victory which the President had won over us.

The week before that, one rainy afternoon—I should not confess this to the Senate, I suppose—DWIGHT GRISWOLD and I left here after 3 o'clock and played golf. There were no caddies present at the golf course, so we took a pushcart along with us. DWIGHT had said, "Unless there are some caddies, I think I shall drop out." I thought to myself, "That is not like DWIGHT." I wondered about it, and today that wonderment came back to me, as to whether he had had any warnings. I did not ask him, but I remember thinking at the time and wondering whether he had heart trouble of some kind.

Mr. President, I hold in my possession, as do certain of my colleagues, a certificate which came to me announcing the fact that I had been appointed an admiral in the navy of the great State of Nebraska. That is a treasure which I shall keep and cherish in my scrapbook as a memento of my friendship with DWIGHT GRISWOLD.

I have many happy memories of him, Mr. President, and I consider that it has been a great privilege to share his friendship. I am sure that all who have spoken and those who will speak will agree that the public service he rendered was of the highest order. It has been a great privilege for all of us to share the richness of his friendship and to have known him as the man he has been among men. He was wise, unhurried

in his judgment, and he always seemed to reach the right decision rather easily. I have been amazed how in the first year of his service in the Senate, he always seemed quite readily to reach what, from my point of view, was the right conclusion.

So, Mr. President, I join with those who have spoken in tribute to DWIGHT GRISWOLD, and I extend the affectionate sympathy of Mrs. Bush and myself to his wife Erma and her daughter. We feel that we have lost a wonderful friend.

Mr. SALTONSTALL. Mr. President, I should like to add a few words to those spoken by my colleagues, and to extend my sympathy and that of Mrs. Saltonstall to the wife, daughter, and grandchildren of DWIGHT GRISWOLD.

My acquaintance with Senator GRISWOLD began at the same time as that of the Senator from Florida [Mr. Holland]. Senator GRISWOLD served as Governor of Nebraska for 6 years, and for the first 4 years of that time I was Governor of Massachusetts, and I first met him at the governors' conference in 1941. When he came to the Senate of the United States, I recall very well my feeling of satisfaction that a citizen of his character, his stability, and his public experience was to become a Member of this body. I knew he would add luster to it and evidence the sense of proportion and sound judgment he had exercised as Governor of his State and in other public offices.

He was my friend. I visited with him at his home in Lincoln, Nebr. As Governor he was a hospitable host to some of us who were attending the governors' conference. He took me as a personal guest to Omaha, to the American Legion convention. He entertained me at his home. His daughter and her husband came to Massachusetts, and Mrs. Saltonstall and I had the pleasure of entertaining that young couple at our home in Massachusetts. I know his feeling of pride in the grandchildren which that marriage has produced.

I shared in his sorrow on the loss of his only son, concerning whose untimely death we had several conversations.

DWIGHT GRISWOLD was generous to a fault, as the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. Bush] has so well said.

When Massachusetts was visited by a tornado a year or so ago, something which is most unusual in that section of the country, I received an unsolicited check from Senator GRISWOLD in a substantial amount as his contribution to the people who were suffering in Worcester, Mass. When I stated to him that the State was not seeking contributions, he said that he would like to make his small contribution to the people who were suffering in their time of loss. So I forwarded his check to the Governor of Massachusetts.

Senator GRISWOLD was a generous, honest, and sincere friend, and a fine public servant, in the full sense of the word. I, in common with all my colleagues, shall miss him. I shall miss not only his friendship, but also his excellent judgment in matters of great importance which come before the Senate.

Mr. JOHNSON of Colorado. Mr. President, I wish to join my colleagues in the eloquent and deserved tributes which they have paid to our dear brother.

Nebraska is almost my second home. I grew up there. It has been my good fortune to have known DWIGHT GRISWOLD for many, many years. As a young man, he was a fine baseball player. He was a catcher, and he could have become a professional ballplayer, had he so desired. But so many other fields of activity were beckoning to him that he could not devote more of his time to baseball.

I have been impressed by the tributes paid him which have portrayed his great experience along various lines of endeavor. His experience was most valuable to the members of the Senate Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce. As has already been stated, Senator GRISWOLD had splendid judgment, which had been developed by the broad

experience he had in matters which affect the lives of all of us.

I do not believe anyone could have been more shocked than I was this morning, when I picked up my newspaper and read the headline about his passing. No one could have grieved more than I, because I knew the many fine qualities he possessed.

Senators have spoken of his friendship, his sympathetic nature, and of all the other attributes which endear a man to his friends; and they spoke truthfully when they ascribed them to DWIGHT GRISWOLD.

We shall miss him in the Senate. He was sound in the things he stood for, and he seemed to be so robust and so strong that I was surprised and shocked this morning when I read that the Grim Reaper had touched him with his lethal hand.

The passing of a friend reminds us that our own tenure of life is precarious. Only for a few moments we are here; then we are gone.

But we shall remember DWIGHT GRISWOLD; and because of his earnestness, his faithfulness, and his studious judgment, we ourselves shall be able to do a better job in the Senate.

Mr. PURTELL. Mr. President, many nice things have been said about DWIGHT GRISWOLD. The people of Nebraska and the people of all the United States have lost the services of a capable man, and I have lost a very warm and very dear friend.

DWIGHT GRISWOLD and his wife, Erma, were two of the closest friends my wife, Katherine, and I had in Washington. I knew him not so long as some of my colleagues, but I think I knew him as well. I knew him well enough to have loved him.

When the shock of his loss has been overcome, I hope to pay proper tribute to DWIGHT GRISWOLD—Senator, father, and warm friend. But I desire to have the Record show today that he was my friend and that I loved him.

Mr. IVES. Mr. President, in rising to pay tribute to our beloved colleague, DWIGHT GRISWOLD, there is little I can add to the splendid eulogies spoken by other Senators. It has been my privilege to serve with him on the Committee on Labor and Public Welfare, where he displayed a diligence and a capacity and an understanding and a tolerance for all to emulate. He will be sorely missed, both in that committee and in the Senate. In his passing we have lost a truly distinguished Member, and the country has lost a great citizen and an outstanding American.

I extend heartfelt sympathy to the members of his family.

Mr. YOUNG. Mr. President, the Senate of the United States and the Nation as a whole are saddened today by the sudden and untimely death of an outstanding Member of this body.

DWIGHT GRISWOLD had many virtues, which have been aptly portrayed in the Senate today. I think that high among those virtues were his kindliness, his ability, and his sound judgment. Because of those great virtues, he had attained an outstanding record of public service, both in his own State and in the Senate of the United States.

The Nation can ill afford to lose great men like DWIGHT GRISWOLD. I think the lives of all of us are better as a result of having served with him.

I desire to extend to his fine family my deepest sympathy.

Mr. MILLIKIN. Mr. President, the people of Colorado will join in the sorrow which has been expressed today because of the untimely death of DWIGHT GRISWOLD. The States of Colorado and Nebraska adjoin each other. The citizens of my State have known DWIGHT GRISWOLD for a long time. They will heartily subscribe to all the eulogies and kind words which have been said about him. They know he has been a fine man and an outstanding citizen.

Personally, I desire to express my sympathy to his family, in the hope that as time goes on their many memories of

pleasant contacts in life together will lighten the burden of their grief.

Mr. KNOWLAND. Mr. President, I wish to announce that, after I have had an opportunity to consult with the senior colleague of the late Senator GRISWOLD, a day will be set aside for appropriate memorial services.

For myself and on behalf of the senior Senator from Nebraska [Mr. Butler], I send to the desk a resolution and I ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration.

There being no objection, the resolution (S. Res. 228) was read, considered by unanimous consent, and unanimously agreed to, as follows:

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow and deep regret the announcement of the death of Hon. DWIGHT GRISWOLD, late a Senator from the State of Nebraska.

Resolved, That the President of the Senate appoint a committee, of which he shall be a member, to attend the funeral of the deceased Senator.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

The resolution was unanimously agreed to.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair will later appoint the committee to attend the funeral.

Mr. KNOWLAND. Mr. President, as a further mark of respect and honor to the memory of Senator GRISWOLD, I move that the Senate now stand in adjournment until April 14, 1954, at 12 o'clock meridian.

The motion was unanimously agreed to; and (at 12 o'clock and 59 minutes) the Senate adjourned until Wednesday, Arpil 14, 1954, at 12 o'clock meridian.

WEDNESDAY, *April 14, 1954.*

The VICE PRESIDENT, pursuant to the second resolving clause of Senate Resolution 228, agreed to on April 12, 1954, appointed the following Senators as the committee on the part of the Senate to attend the funeral of the late Senator DWIGHT GRISWOLD, of Nebraska: Mr. Butler of Nebraska, Mr. Johnson of Colorado, Mr. Smith of New Jersey, Mr. Hickenlooper, Mr. Holland, Mr. Stennis, Mr. Frear, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Schoeppel, Mr. Carlson, Mr. Case, Mr. Barrett, Mr. Payne, and Mr. Purtell.

FRIDAY, *April 23, 1954.*

Mr. BUTLER of Nebraska. Mr. President, during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 8, after visiting with the majority leader to see if it would be agreeable to him for me to be out of town until the beginning of the following week, I then had my last conversation with my late colleague, DWIGHT GRISWOLD. Shortly after that conversation I left town, planning to be back the following Monday evening.

No two Senators from any State have worked together more pleasantly than had DWIGHT GRISWOLD and the senior Senator from Nebraska. Hence, my colleagues may appreciate the sense of shock I felt upon receipt of the tragic news about 11 o'clock, Monday morning, April 12, that DWIGHT GRISWOLD had died during the night. Within a few minutes after getting this sad report, I was en route back to Washington, but arrived here too late to attend the short session that was adjourned early that afternoon out of respect for him. The following morning, Tuesday, April 13, I flew with Mrs. Griswold and other friends by way of New York to pick up their daughter and her husband and family, and then direct to Scottsbluff, Nebr., where on Wednesday, April 14, Senator GRISWOLD was laid to rest.

I assure all Members of Congress who made the trip to attend the funeral how much their action was appreciated by Mrs. Griswold and her family, and by the thousands of friends who, with us, mourn his loss.

The Griswold's only daughter, Mrs. John Gayer, has been living with her husband and family for the last year in Zurich, Switzerland. The first word they heard of the passing of her father was over the radio on Monday morning, April 12. About 2 hours later Mrs. Griswold succeeded in getting a telephone call through to her, and she and her family met us in New York Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Griswold plans to make her home in Scottsbluff, Nebr., where she and the Senator had lived in their own lovely home. For the next 2 or 3 months, however, she will be with her daughter in Switzerland.

Within the last 3 years, I have lost two fine colleagues—the late Senator Wherry, and now Senator GRISWOLD—both passing very suddenly and unexpectedly—one from cancer, the other from heart failure.

I am sure that those of us from Nebraska have the sincere sympathy of all Members of this body. It is a shock to all Members of the congressional delegation from the State, which I hope will not be repeated for any other State, either here or in the other body. It is a reminder that we have little to say, in the final analysis, about the course of our lives.

I have known DWIGHT GRISWOLD intimately for many years. He was honored and respected by all who knew him in his home State and elsewhere. During the rather short time that he was permitted to serve with us in the Senate, he established an enviable record, as he was an earnest worker in committee as well as on the floor of the Senate.

Long before his service here, I was associated closely with him in many endeavors in Nebraska, both politically and otherwise. He was a powerful fighter for the things he believed in. All his life he was one of those who was willing to stand up and be counted, and, if necessary, suffer the wounds

of battle in behalf of his principles. I saw that trait exemplified many times during the course of our political life together in Nebraska.

DWIGHT GRISWOLD was one man we could always count on to uphold the cause of his party—the Republican Party—when things looked blackest. Time and again he accepted a place on the Republican ticket when he must have known he had little chance of being elected. Those of us who have worked actively in our respective political parties know how discouraging that can be at times.

DWIGHT GRISWOLD had a consuming passion for public service, and particularly for political life. As a young man, he joined up with the Fourth Nebraska Infantry, in 1916, and served on the Mexican border, and then served as first lieutenant and captain during World War I. Throughout his life, he kept an active interest in military affairs, and retained his Reserve commission.

Shortly after the war, however, he had his first taste of politics, and he found that he liked it. In 1920 he ran for the lower house of the State legislature, and was elected without opposition. Repeatedly since then he has been faithful to the call of public duty. Whenever called upon by his party to be a candidate, he has always campaigned thoroughly and strenuously, but fairly. He has been a candidate for public office again and again, for the legislature, for the governorship, and for the United States Senate. Sometimes he has won, and sometimes he has lost, but even in defeat, he has never lost his spirit or his faith.

In 1946 DWIGHT GRISWOLD opposed me for the Republican nomination for the Senate. It was a hard fight, but a fair one. We were friends before the primary—and we remained friends after the primary—and as the Members of this body know, we were intimate friends during his service in the Senate. I had openly endorsed him for reelection this year.

Mr. President, I want the Senate to know that I am glad that he was given the opportunity to serve as a Senator, even though for only a brief time before the day of his death.

All through his life, DWIGHT GRISWOLD had been an active leader and participant in various fields of endeavor in Nebraska, in both business and civic affairs. Early in life he entered the newspaper business, buying the weekly newspaper at Gordon, Nebr. He and his partner turned the Gordon Journal into a going concern, performing a real public service in that part of the State. During his career as a newspaper man, he served as president of the Nebraska Press Association for 1 year.

He also served as department commander of the American Legion, and throughout his life he was an active legionnaire.

In a business way he was successful, but without ever desiring, or attempting, I think, to pile up a great fortune. Throughout his life, he retained an interest in banking and also in Nebraska's basic industry—agriculture. He owned a ranch near Gordon, stocked with fine Angus cattle.

Although he had his roots deep in our Nebraska soil, he never disguised his broad interest in large national and international problems. Following the completion of his 6 years as our Governor in Nebraska, I believe he was very pleased when President Truman asked him to serve as Director of International Affairs and Communications in Germany under General Clay. Within a few months, however, he was called to a post of even greater responsibility—as Chief of the American Mission for Aid to Greece. That was in the summer of 1947. Many of us here remember the extremely dangerous situation in Greece at that time. The nation was being torn apart by a combination of civil war and Communist infiltration from other Balkan countries. Under DWIGHT GRISWOLD's direction, America won a decisive diplomatic victory in preserving Greece from Communist domination. Today Greece is safely and securely outside the Iron Curtain.

Mr. President, I have mentioned how pleasant were my working relationships with my colleague during the comparatively short period of his membership in this body. I should have added that our personal relationships were equally pleasant. His death is a tragic loss to me personally as well as in every other way.

To summarize his qualities and his place in our hearts, I think I cannot do better than to quote from the eulogy delivered at his funeral service by the Reverend Ward R. Conklin. He said:

> He has given so many of us so much to live for. The shaft of his life will illumine many a dark corner in this world, for he was a man of high integrity, ability, industry as well as purity and nobility of living.

I ask to have inserted as part of my remarks some editorials appearing in Nebraska papers after Senator GRISWOLD'S death.

There being no objection, the editorials were ordered to be printed in the Record, as follows:

[From the Lincoln Evening Journal and Nebraska State Journal of April 12, 1954]

DWIGHT GRISWOLD, STATESMAN

The shock and tragedy of Senator DWIGHT GRISWOLD'S sudden death is that having served his State and Nation, and the whole free world, with great distinction in many capacities, he was on the very threshold of his greatest usefulness to the America he loved.

DWIGHT GRISWOLD reflected and possessed the best qualities of Nebraska political thinking. He applied these in a long career of public service, in publishing, in the affairs of his party, and in State and national government, which has had few parallels. And he combined the down-to-earth outlook of the plains from which he sprang and the small sandhills community of which he had been a part, with a national and world view in a way that came to represent the very best in American political life.

Even-tempered, good-humored, independent of mind, and with a finely balanced judgment, he took the long and the broad view of every problem in the manner of the true patriot and statesman. It was instinctive in him, a part of the force of his character, to

put personal self-interest or partisan advantage secondary to the larger public good as he saw it, whenever there was a choice.

There was never a time in DWIGHT GRISWOLD'S working career when he was not serving the public. As editor and publisher of the Gordon Journal, State commander of the American Legion, State legislator, Republican Party leader, three-term Governor of Nebraska, occupational official in Germany, and regent of the University of Nebraska, his contributions to the public betterment were large and varied.

As first administrator of the United States program of aid to Greece, an assignment in which he conducted himself so as to win the respect and admiration not only of the Greeks but of the whole free world, he helped significantly in checking the Communist tide, and earned a mark in the history books.

In all that he did, he never lost the easy and unaffected humility that was his genius.

No doctrinaire, in his party he was for years a significant influence on the side of the conservative modernism that finally prevailed in enlisting enough popular confidence to check the advance of the welfare state while not abandoning a liberal concern for the welfare of people.

As a United States Senator he brought to the Nation's highest legislative body a range of experience, a point of view, and qualities of mind and character, of which it never has enough and which most especially it needs in the months and years ahead.

Throughout the years DWIGHT and Erma GRISWOLD made friends in every corner of Nebraska, and around the world, who now feel a sharp sense of personal loss and whose heartfelt condolences today go to her.

[From the Omaha (Nebr.) Evening World-Herald of April 13, 1954]

DWIGHT P. GRISWOLD

In States where politicians must have color if they are to be successful, Senator DWIGHT GRISWOLD would have been out of place.

But in Nebraska, where color of itself has never been highly esteemed, Mr. GRISWOLD fitted in. He was in the tradition of the solid, hard-working, earnest, and able men who have served the State well—men such as Moses P. Kinkaid, Gilbert M. Hitchcock, R. B. Howell, John Morehead, and many others.

Mr. GRISWOLD was only an ordinary speaker. He avoided demagogery as a plague. He had no particular gift for turning a phrase. He was a cautious official who made up his mind only after considering all sides of a question. In conversation he was quiet and friendly but never sparkling.

Yet he was a tremendous vote-getter. Even when he lost, as when he was running for Governor in the years of Democratic landslides, he ran far ahead of his ticket.

What was the source of Mr. GRISWOLD's strength?

We think it was based on the fact that the people of Nebraska usually arrive at a very good estimate of the character of major political figures. We surmise that in DWIGHT GRISWOLD they recognized a man of integrity, a man with an honest desire to serve the people to the best of his ability and judgment.

Mr. GRISWOLD was never a blind partisan. Sometimes his views were unpopular with many of the people who supported him. Nevertheless most of them felt that Mr. GRISWOLD did what he did because in his heart he felt it was right.

Mr. GRISWOLD's death Sunday night was a severe loss to the people of Nebraska, whom he had served well, and to all Americans.

[From the Scottsbluff Daily Star-Herald of April 13, 1954]

DISTINGUISHED CAREER ENDS

All of Nebraska is in mourning today over the very sudden and unexpected death of United States Senator DWIGHT GRISWOLD.

To western Nebraskans, and to Mr. GRISWOLD's friends and neighbors in the Scottsbluff-Gering community, his death is of deep significance for it removed from our midst a man not only of national prominence but of intimate and cherished personal relationship.

Of more far-reaching importance is the loss to the Nation, because in DWIGHT GRISWOLD the Senate possessed a man just beginning to develop, within that body, the broad potentialities for distinguished and selfless service which had already marked a public career started in our State legislature 33 years ago.

To assert that Nebraska has lost one of its most valued and patriotic public servants does not reveal the full stature of the man, for a review of his accomplishments and honors shows a confirming list of imposing proportions.

A veteran of the First World War, a former commander of the American Legion, a former president of the Nebraska Press Association, a former State representative and State senator, a former three-time governor, an official in the military government in Germany, chief of the American mission for aid to Greece, a former university regent—this list discloses the wide range of his abilities, but it does not indicate the equally vital activities of a businessman, a supporter of church and community, a Mason and a Rotarian.

The latest chapter in his career opened in November 1952, when he was elected to fill the unexpired term of Kenneth S. Wherry as United States Senator. It now closes with his sudden passing.

In the wake of his death there is imposed upon Gov. Robert Crosby the responsibility of selecting a Nebraskan to take Mr. GRISWOLD's place in the Halls of Congress. It will be a most difficult choice, we are sure.

Almost immediately there has sprung up in Republican circles speculation as to successor. If an appointment is made, the new Senator will serve through the remainder of 1954, unless he becomes a successful aspirant, as Mr. GRISWOLD would have been, for the full 6-year term starting next January.

But, while the work of the Nation must go on as it always has, we Nebraskans, particularly we people in western Nebraska, where he was born and made his home for more than 60 years, must also pause for the final tribute, due to and earned by DWIGHT GRISWOLD. It will be a sad responsibility.

[From the Lincoln Journal of April 13, 1954]

MORE OR LESS PERSONAL—A CHAT WITH THE EDITOR

(By Raymond A. McConnell, Jr.)

Looking back over the many years that I knew DWIGHT GRISWOLD, in line of newspaper duty and as a personal friend, I find that the quality of character which made the most enduring impression on me, and probably set him the most apart, was the utter honesty of the man.

He was honest with his fellow men, and above all with himself. I am not so sure that there can be any finer tribute than this. Certainly it is an attribute without which a high order of public service is not possible, and for which America always has reserved special honor when it has been able to discern it.

AN HONEST STATESMAN

Under many widely varying circumstances I saw his willingness to subject himself to a candid self-appraisal which fortified him against both the temptations that go with high honor and power, and the bitterness that often accompanies defeat. DWIGHT GRISWOLD experienced both honor and rejection, victory and defeat. He sat with the mighty when men fawned on him, and he had his lonely hours. But he took both with an equanimity which inured him against VIP-itis, on the one hand, and against frustration and surrender of his objectives, on the other. This was because he was

honest enough to admit to himself that the power and much of the glory of political life are inherent in the office, not the man; and to face the reality also that defeat is as inherent as victory in the political battle. He won the governorship after three defeats, and the senatorship after one. His defeat for the Senate gave him the chance to do his greatest piece of work, in Greece.

I recall being with him in a Chicago hotel room at the 1944 Republican national convention, when he had placed Gov. Thomas E. Dewey's name in nomination for the Presidency, and had himself been sounded out as a possible running mate for Dewey. He was pleased with the thought of this honor from his party, but it didn't turn his head; and when he didn't get the nod he showed no sign of disappointment.

This same refusal to be unduly impressed with himself served him and America well in Greece, citadel of democracy, where he shunned the trappings and pomp that could have smothered a dispenser of United States largess and protection, and dealt with the Greeks as one democrat to another. He was honest enough to know that it was the wealth and might of the United States of America, not of the citizen from Gordon, Nebr., before which men bowed and scraped; and he tailored his conduct accordingly.

After he was elected to the United States Senate, this same characteristic candor prompted him to write in the New York Times magazine that a desire to be "in on things" is a dominant reason why men run for high public office. He did not claim any special mandate from on high to save the people, but merely suggested that "it is the unknown in the future that makes life attractive and all of us are intrigued by the possibility that we may have the opportunity to gain a little more insight and have a little more influence than somebody else."

This was DWIGHT GRISWOLD when the tide of affairs was with him. He was no different under opposite circumstances. On the day that he stepped out as Governor, after 6 years in that office, he called me up for lunch. As far as anyone then could tell, he was not only a has-been but an also-ran. GRISWOLD had suffered a smashing defeat at the hands of Hugh Butler in the contest for the senatorial nomination, and all eyes at the statehouse were on the new Governor. The outgoing Governor walked alone to the Lincoln Hotel, and there, uncrushed, undismayed by the fact—which he faced—that as of then his political fortunes were at their lowest ebb, discussed calmly over lunch ways in which he might continue to be of use.

This honesty with himself was natural with DWIGHT GRISWOLD and it proved the best policy—it fortified him in adversity, humbled him in success, and made him fit to serve others honestly and well.

[From the Gering Courier of April 16, 1954]

DWIGHT P. GRISWOLD

Scotts Bluff County received a severe shock Monday morning, and Nebraska as well as the Nation suffered a genuine loss, when the word was received of the sudden and unexpected death of DWIGHT P. GRISWOLD, respected and beloved United States Senator from Nebraska.

Western Nebraska citizens were stunned. They had lost a friend and fellow citizen, a courageous and astute leader, who was rapidly becoming a real power in the national picture, although having served less than 2 years in the Senate.

When the Supreme Architect of the Universe opens His book to list the great and near great and the good, we feel DWIGHT GRISWOLD will be in the vanguard—an honest, able, and, above all, clean American. He was a good soldier, a fighter for the rights of his fellow men and Nebraska, one who will live long in the memory of those who knew him.

The Courier has always supported Senator GRISWOLD and observed with pardonable pride his career as a State senator, three-time Governor of Nebraska, international statesman, and Gering businessman. His life was versatile.

One important fact features his life. In politics, where smears and character abuses are the rule, we have never heard a breath of criticism, not one derogatory comment or voiced suspicion.

In grief, we add that we consider ourselves fortunate in having been his friend and are proud of the acquaintance. The hundreds who attended his services Wednesday, some coming well over a thousand miles, attest to the uniform respect and affection he was accorded from citizens in all walks of life.

To Mrs. Griswold, a grand warrior herself, who has during the past 3 years been faced with more than her share of this world's grief, we say DWIGHT'S friends and your friends share your heartache and realize terribly your great loss. We are honored by the knowledge that you will stay here with us in the valley Senator GRISWOLD loved so well.

Memorial Tribute
to
Dwight Palmer Griswold

Memorial Tribute

Remarks by Senator Saltonstall

Of Massachusetts

Mr. SALTONSTALL. Mr. President, on behalf of the distinguished senior Senator from Nebraska [Mr. Butler], who is ill, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the Appendix of the Record a fine editorial published in a recent issue of the Nebraska Farmer, over the signature of the publisher, former Gov. Sam McKelvie, with reference to our late colleague, DWIGHT GRISWOLD.

This is one of the finest statements that has appeared, and the Senator from Nebraska believes it should be made a part of the permanent memorial which ultimately will be printed with reference to the death of the late Senator GRISWOLD.

There being no objection, the article was ordered to be printed in the Record, as follows:

Life of the late United States Senator DWIGHT GRISWOLD was exemplary of what constitutes good citizenship in this Republic of freedoms and human initiative. Biography of his 60 years on earth will be inspiring to others for years to come.

A native son of Nebraska and born of fine pioneer parents, DWIGHT was reared amid environs of industry and thrift during many hard years when only those who observed sound principles of economy and social services prospered and progressed. That was the foundation upon which he built.

He was studious in school and college, graduated with honors from the University of Nebraska, and at an early age got into business on his own in Gordon, Nebr.

As opportunities arose he took advantage of them, entered the publishing business, was interested in his father's bank, acquired some land and handled livestock, and kept abreast of basic prin-

ciples as his native State grew. So it is readily seen that he was industrious, managed well, and succeeded financially though not rich.

Together with all that he was ambitious politically. When still in his twenties he sought membership in the State legislature and was elected readily. His record was commendable.

His next ambition was to be Governor of Nebraska. That was not so easy. Indicative of his determined disposition he made the race three times before being elected. His first term was so well received that he was elected by substantial majorities for two more terms.

His wife Erma made her contribution to his success in every branch of his endeavors. She had plenty of initiative on her own. That together with her neighborly and industrious disposition made their community of effort complete.

Two fine children, son and daughter, were born to them. Following the example of their parents, they were studious, industrious, and planned for the future. Quite naturally they got encouragement and a helping hand from dad and mom.

A bank was purchased in Gering, Nebr., the main purpose of which was to aid in a promising business future for Dwight, Jr. Then lo, the unhappiest moment of the parents' lives occurred. The son was stricken with polio and passed away on short notice. The daughter, Mrs. John A. Gayer, and her husband are now in Switzerland.

DWIGHT, Sr., did his turn in military services. He was sergeant on the Mexican border, and served as a first lieutenant and captain of field artillery in World War I. In later years he was delegated by President Truman to be Director of American Aid Mission to Greece. That was when Greece was in hard straits on account of Communist threats to take Greece over. DWIGHT's knowledge of government, together with diplomatic ability, enabled him to overcome that seriously threatening situation. He took with him several Nebraskans, including former Gov. Roy Cochran.

After that DWIGHT GRISWOLD returned to Nebraska, started in business again, and retired from politics. Ere long another popular call came for his services. On comparatively short notice United States Senator Kenneth S. Wherry died from heart trouble. Urge was for GRISWOLD's candidacy when election came on that fall. He was elected readily, and would have come up for reelection this fall, but for having got a final call from heaven.

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MONDAY, *April 12, 1954.*

The SPEAKER. The Chairman recognizes the gentleman from Nebraska [Mr. Curtis].

Mr. CURTIS of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, once more it is my sad task to report to this House that one of the Nation's outstanding citizens who represented my State of Nebraska in the United States Senate, the Honorable DWIGHT PALMER GRISWOLD, died early today in the city of Washington.

DWIGHT GRISWOLD was a great and good man. He was a great soldier, State legislator, Governor, administrator, and a great United States Senator. He stood as a rock in these troublesome days in the political world. He was a man of integrity, character, patriotism, and faith.

DWIGHT GRISWOLD was my friend. I miss him beyond my power of expression. I loved and admired him. Among other fine characteristics, DWIGHT GRISWOLD was a man whose friendship was deep and sincere. His friends cannot be numbered but they loved him and they could rely upon the steadfastness of his friendship.

DWIGHT PALMER GRISWOLD was born in Harrison, Nebr., November 27, 1893. His parents were pioneers in our State. He attended Nebraska Wesleyan University and graduated from the University of Nebraska in 1914.

DWIGHT GRISWOLD had a distinguished career as a soldier. He loved his country and he served it well, including service in the Armed Forces of the United States. He served as a sergeant in the 4th Nebraska Infantry on the Mexican border in 1916 and 1917. He entered the service in the field artillery in World War I as a first lieutenant. Later he was promoted to the rank of captain. He continued in the Re-

serve component and was a Reserve colonel of field artillery when he became Governor. He was elected State commander of the American Legion of the Department of Nebraska in 1929.

In 1920 he was elected to the House of Representatives of the Nebraska State Legislature. Thereafter, he was elected to the Senate of the Nebraska Legislature in 1924, 1926, and 1928. In 1940, he was elected Governor of Nebraska. He was reelected in 1942 and was reelected Governor for a third term in 1944. He was one of Nebraska's ablest Governors and administrators.

From January until June 1947, DWIGHT GRISWOLD served as Director of the Division of Internal Affairs and Communications of the Military Government of Germany. In June 1947, he was appointed by the President of the United States as Chief of the American Mission for Aid to Greece and he served in that capacity until September 1948.

DWIGHT GRISWOLD'S activity was not limited to political affairs. He was active in the fraternal world and received some of its highest honors. He was faithful to his church. He was elected to and served on the board of regents at the University of Nebraska in 1950 and continued in that capacity until he came to the United States Senate.

On November 4, 1952, he was elected to the United States Senate to fill the unexpired term of the late Kenneth S. Wherry. As a United States Senator he served ably, effectively, and with distinction. He was respected by his colleagues and he immediately took a place of prominence and influence in that body. His death has left a void that will be difficult to fill.

As we pay tribute to his memory we extend our sincere sympathy to his wife, Mrs. Griswold, to their daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Gayer, to the grandchildren, and to all of his loved ones. We commend them to our loving, Heavenly Father and to the Saviour upon whom our faith rests.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Nebraska [Mr. Miller].

Mr. MILLER of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, the untimely passing of Senator DWIGHT P. GRISWOLD comes as a shocking blow—not only to we here in Washington, but to the people of Nebraska also. In Europe, where he served in Germany and Greece, thousands will mourn his passing.

DWIGHT and I have been friends for many years. He was a constituent of mine—his home was Scottsbluff, Nebr., and he was president of a bank in Gering which is just a couple of miles away. He was born of pioneer parents in a sod house in western Nebraska. From this humble beginning he rose to become a United States Senator. Yet, he always remained ever so humble.

An autographed picture of Senator GRISWOLD hangs in my office. On it is written, "A good man to campaign for and against." This is true of DWIGHT, I know, for in 1940 I ran against him for the Republican nomination for Governor. It was a clean, hard fought election—that is the way he worked. He never held a grudge and at the same time kept everything above the board.

DWIGHT won that election and went on to win in the general elections. He appointed me to be his State director of health and I served in that capacity until I was elected to the House of Representatives. The time I worked with him was most enjoyable and all of my memories are pleasant ones. He was a good man to work with.

Senator GRISWOLD has an excellent public record. He has served with distinction in a number of different fields. He served as a sergeant in the 4th Nebraska Infantry on the Mexican border in 1916, and during World War I he rose to the rank of captain in the field artillery.

He returned from the war and like many others, became a member of the American Legion. His quality of leadership soon came to light and he reaped his reward for

his diligent work when he was recognized by the entire State membership and elected State commander of the American Legion.

Every field of his endeavor found him reaching his goal. In the newspaper world he became the editor and publisher of the Gordon (Nebr.) Journal—a weekly newspaper. Later he was elected president of the State press association.

Shortly after he returned to civilian life, he entered into politics. In 1921, he was elected a State Representative. In 1925 he was elected to the State Senate and reelected in 1927 and 1929 when Nebraska still had the two-house legislature.

I have mentioned his political successes, but his political ventures have not always been victories. In 1932, 1934, and 1936 he was successful in his campaign for the Republican nomination for Governor, but each time in the general elections he was defeated. Men with lesser determination and stamina would have retired from the political arena, but his determination to reach his goal paid dividends.

In 1940 he again ran. It was that year that I ran against him for the Republican nomination for Governor—I thought, perhaps, the standard would be placed on my shoulder. He won and was elected in the general elections. Yes, his determination paid dividends—those dividends went to the people of Nebraska who he served so ably. He served with such distinction as Governor that he was reelected twice.

His abilities as an administrator were of such high caliber that former President Truman appointed him, a Republican, to be Director of the Division of Internal Affairs and Communications of the Military Government of Germany. He served in that capacity from January until June 1947 when his talents were needed elsewhere. He was named chief of the American Mission for Aid to Greece. In Greece, he had a tremendous task. That country, torn with internal strife, was wavering and ready to fall under Communist domination. He became the symbol of freedom and strength that was

America to the Greek people. They looked to him for hope and guidance. What transpired is history. Today Greece is free and one of our good friends.

He has carried his courage, determination, and faith with him at all times and is an inspiration to the people around him. He gained the confidence and the respect of those who knew him. Even in the heat of debate he kept his good humor, and after the battle was over, he was able to shake hands with his opponents and say a kind word—this he could do whether he won or lost. When the battle was over, he could always answer the question: "How did you play?" with the honest answer, "Fair and square."

We can ill afford to lose this able and patriotic leader, and the sense of the acute loss only increases the regard and affection we had for him and in which we will always hold his memory. He truly was a great American.

Senator GRISWOLD leaves behind his wife and daughter and two grandchildren. A son, Dwight, preceded him in death—a polio victim in 1951. In tribute to his son, Senator GRISWOLD established a memorial scholarship to the University of Nebraska. Besides being a graduate of the university, Senator GRISWOLD was elected to the board of regents in 1950 and served in that position until he was elected to the United States Senate to serve the unexpired term of Senator Kenneth E. Wherry, who died November 29, 1951.

Senator GRISWOLD's leadership will be missed in the Senate. It has seemed to me almost beyond comprehension that a man so loved by the people who knew him should be called at the zenith of his career. His colleagues recognized his abilities and elected him chairman of the freshman Senators of the 83d Congress.

My sympathies are extended to his wife who I am sure helped guide him during his many hours of decision.

My sympathies are extended to his daughter who is with her husband and two children in Europe. It was most fortunate that Senator GRISWOLD was able to visit them last December.

He will be missed in the Halls of Congress. He will be missed by his constituents. His death is our misfortune.

You know, DWIGHT GRISWOLD lived as the poet said:

> So live, that when thy summons comes to join
> The innumerable caravan which moves
> To that mysterious realm, where each shall take
> His chamber in the silent halls of death,
> Thou go not, like the quarry-slave at night,
> Scourged to his dungeon, but, sustained and soothed

He has lived so that he could wrap the drapery of his couch about him and lie down to pleasant dreams, as he is doing now.

He will be missed in the Halls of Congress; he will be missed by his constituents. His death was unfortunate.

Mr. CURTIS of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Nebraska [Mr. Harrison].

Mr. HARRISON of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I, too, want to join with my colleagues in paying tribute to one of our great Nebraskans. The passing of DWIGHT GRISWOLD comes as a shock to the Nation, comes as a shock to the State of Nebraska.

I think probably DWIGHT GRISWOLD was one of the greatest of Nebraskans.

DWIGHT, as has been said here, was born in a sod house in western Nebraska, and of parents who pioneered and homesteaded in western Nebraska. He has shown himself to be made of that sturdy quality that comes from the West, a quality that has made our Nation.

DWIGHT availed himself of the educational opportunities that were afforded at that particular time in his life, and he graduated from high school in the western part of Nebraska. After graduating from high school he attended the Wesleyan University at Lincoln, Nebr., where he distinguished himself as a great athlete and also as a very great debater, finishing his education at the University of Nebraska, where he again

distinguished himself as a great scholar and athlete, on the football field as well as in baseball.

As has been said, his political career has been long. He has always had those qualities that placed him in the role of leadership, and as such, he has led his State and has been leading his Nation. After serving 3 terms in the State legislature, and also 3 terms as Governor, as Director of the Military Government in Germany, and chief of aid to Greece, he was then elected to the United States Senate. This gives the picture of his political career. He was also, as has been stated, a great soldier, going, I think, to the Mexican border in 1916 as a private and emerging as a sergeant; going into the First World War as a first lieutenant and emerging as a captain.

He has always distinguished himself as a leader wherever he has been.

It has been my privilege and my pleasure to have known DWIGHT GRISWOLD over a long period of time, and I have, in that period of time, built up a great love and affection for DWIGHT. One of the reasons was that he has always been very understanding, he has always been very willing to listen to the trials and tribulations of others. He was not one to shout and wave his arms but was always quiet and cool and understanding.

One of the things that was always noticeable to me about Senator DWIGHT GRISWOLD was that he had a great love and affection for his own family. Mrs. Griswold was always in evidence at most of the meetings he attended. They were great companions. He always had a great respect and love for her and showed it at meetings where they were in attendance. His education, his political career, his service as a soldier, and as a family man set DWIGHT GRISWOLD out as one of our great Americans. The State of Nebraska and the Nation will grieve for all time the passing of this great statesman and American.

Mrs. Harrison joins me in expressing my deep and heartfelt sympathy to the family of this great American, DWIGHT GRISWOLD.

Mr. CURTIS of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Nebraska [Mr. Hruska].

Mr. HRUSKA. Mr. Speaker, the loss of Senator DWIGHT GRISWOLD is a severe one for Nebraska and for the Nation. During a fully lived lifetime, he made a meaningful contribution to his country and to his fellow man. This was true as to his role as a citizen, a man of family and as a businessman. It was especially true of his vast and varied career as a public official.

His experience was wide: as a soldier, a State legislator, three-term governor of his native State, as public administrator in military government and on special mission and, finally, as United States Senator. In all these capacities he conducted himself honorably and competently. He was faithful to his trust and reliable in its execution. He reflected great credit upon those who elected and chose him to positions of responsibility, and upon those with whom and for whom he served.

His beginnings were not easy, either in his chosen work as a newspaper publisher or in political life. He well knew adversity and struggle, first for survival and later for place. His persistent and unwavering efforts, however, were characteristic of him and no doubt helped to develop the generous and understanding traits which were his.

His years as chief executive of Nebraska were war years. They provided many serious problems, a large part of them being of first impression. He met them ably and fearlessly.

My acquaintance with him preceded his governorship, but it was not until he assumed that office that he and I had occasion to work together frequently in civic and governmental affairs. This came about chiefly because at the time my official representation was of the county, as county commis-

sioner, in which Nebraska's metropolitan city is located. Although he came from a part of the State far removed from Omaha, the then Governor GRISWOLD showed a vast and understanding knowledge for the complex situations which come about in modern urban life. He was fair and solicitous in his judgment. He never hesitated to ask for counsel or guidance when he felt he did not have enough direct information at hand upon which to base decision.

His career took him to far places in his years as Governor and afterward. But he remained steadfast in his interest and loyalty for his beloved State of Nebraska. This was not by way of blind allegiance, but rather from a desire to place his State in proper relation and proportion to national affairs in accordance with a clear-visioned, long-range, and well-balanced way.

This same thinking and action he brought with him to the Senate of the United States. He was quickly and favorably received and accepted by his new colleagues. He was named leader of the group of new Senators. The broad contact he had with so many problems of the day soon evidenced itself in the early and able grasp and understanding which he accorded them. There was every indication that his future in that great legislative body was bright.

Nebraska's high regard and great respect for Senator GRISWOLD have been expressed many times and in many ways. It is certain that these same people, together with innumerable friends the world over, will extend their sympathy and condolences to his family but especially to his beloved wife, his constant and faithful helpmate through the years. They were a devoted couple. Together they shared the bitter tragedies of life, together they worked and enjoyed its more pleasant and happy times.

Our sense of loss and grief is keen and deep. But in the years of the future we shall proudly and gratefully recall the living proof of citizenship at its best which DWIGHT GRIS-

WOLD furnished by way of leading and believing in a life of service, sacrifice, and devotion to his country and to humankind.

Mr. CURTIS of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the majority leader, the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. Halleck].

Mr. HALLECK. Mr. Speaker, this is indeed a sad moment for me. It is difficult for me to express the shock that I experienced this morning when I read the newspaper headlines telling that DWIGHT GRISWOLD was dead. That shock was heightened by the fact that over the week end I saw him and talked with him. He was full of life, vigorous, strong, alert, alive to the problems of the day, and giving deep thought to the contributions that he might make to help solve them. Now, overnight he is gone. As I reflect upon my acquaintance with DWIGHT GRISWOLD over the years, I can say to his family and to his friends not only in Nebraska but wherever they may be that his life, his character and his career certainly were all indicative of the best that we ever see here in the Congress of the United States. That is no small praise, because in my service here I have seen some of the giants of our time among us. DWIGHT GRISWOLD belonged in that great company. He was all of the things that have been said of him here today so eloquently and so well by his fellow Nebraskans who knew him best. May I say as one from the State of Indiana, speaking from an association with him as he worked here in the Congress, that he has left distinguished contributions to his State and to the Nation that will always stand as lasting memorials to DWIGHT GRISWOLD'S own great stature as a public servant.

Mr. CURTIS of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Kansas [Mr. Hope].

Mr. HOPE. Mr. Speaker, I was inexpressibly shocked and saddened this morning to learn of the sudden and untimely

death of my friend, DWIGHT GRISWOLD. I first met DWIGHT GRISWOLD in the fall of 1917 when as a young Army officer just out of training camp I was assigned to the 34th Division which was stationed at Camp Cody, N. Mex.

I happened to meet DWIGHT GRISWOLD shortly after my arrival and shall never forget the many kindnesses which he showed me during the short time I served with that division. I did not see him again until several years after the end of World War I but in more recent years our paths have crossed many times and I have had an opportunity to renew and maintain the friendship which began so many years ago.

DWIGHT GRISWOLD and I attended the same school, Nebraska Wesleyan University although not at the same time. However we had a number of mutual acquaintances who attended school while both of us were there.

I have taken pride in following the illustrious public career of DWIGHT GRISWOLD. I know of few men who have had as wide an experience in the public service. He held many official positions and filled all of them with credit and distinction. I was delighted when he was elected to the United States Senate and his service in that body, although short, has been outstanding.

I had occasion just last week to have a most pleasant visit with DWIGHT GRISWOLD in the House radio room while we were making a recording together. DWIGHT GRISWOLD has left a host of warm friends and the Nation has suffered a great loss. My deepest sympathy goes to the members of his family.

Mr. CURTIS of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Texas [Mr. Mahon].

Mr. MAHON. Mr. Speaker, I did not know the late Senator GRISWOLD of Nebraska as well as many of those who have spoken upon this occasion. I knew him, not as a Republican, not as a party man, but as an American citizen of very high quality. About 1947, as I recall it, some of us had occasion

to look very, very carefully into the work of Governor GRISWOLD when he was head of the mission to Greece. I think the country may well be proud of the job which Governor GRISWOLD did in that capacity. He served well. His primary considerations throughout his public service were not political. His interests were broad and his service to the Nation has been very great.

I want to join with others in paying tribute to the memory of a very distinguished servant of our people and a personal friend.

Mr. CURTIS of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution (H. Res. 508).

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of Hon. DWIGHT GRISWOLD, a Senator of the United States from the State of Nebraska.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased Senator.

Resolved, That a committee of six Members be appointed on the part of the House to join the committee appointed on the part of the Senate to attend the funeral.

The resolution was agreed to.

The SPEAKER. The Chair appoints as members of the funeral committee Messrs. Curtis of Nebraska, Miller of Nebraska, Harrison of Nebraska, Hruska, Rogers of Colorado, and Miller of Kansas.

The Clerk will report the remainder of the resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased the House do now adjourn.

The resolution was agreed to.

Accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 32 minutes p. m.) the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, April 13, 1954, at 12 o'clock noon.

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